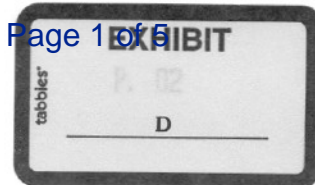


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April 29, 2005

*Via Facsimile and FedEx*Dennis Edward Bruce, Esq.
Notice Party
Bekenton S.A.
690 Lincoln Road, Suite 303
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Dear Mr. Bruce:

This letter is a 30-day notice, pursuant to VII(c)(2) of the Master Settlement Agreement ("MSA") that one or more of the undersigned Settling States may bring an action to enforce the provisions of the MSA against Bekenton S.A. and/or Bekenton USA, Inc. (collectively "Bekenton") arising from the failure of Bekenton to make the payment due under Section IX(c) and IX(i) of the MSA on April 15, 2005.

Bekenton joined the MSA as a Participating Manufacturer in June, 2003. A fundamental obligation of each Participating Manufacturer under the MSA is to make the various payments required by the Agreement. These payments are calculated by the Independent Auditor pursuant to data provided by each Participating Manufacturer. Pursuant to the Independent Auditor's Notice ID: 157, Bekenton was obligated to make a payment of \$7,720,361.75 on or before April 15, 2005 to satisfy its Section IX(c) and IX(i) obligations for Bekenton's 2004 Cigarette sales. Bekenton paid only \$198,488.40. Bekenton is in breach of its payment obligation.

Please be advised that the Attorneys General for the undersigned Settling States are providing the requisite notice under Section VII(c)(2) of the MSA and, if this matter cannot be resolved by agreement, one or more of the undersigned Settling States will bring an action to enforce the provisions of the MSA after thirty days from the date of this notice. We are willing to discuss the means by which this violation of the MSA may be resolved. If you wish to have such a discussion, please contact Mark Greenwold, Chief Counsel, National Association of Attorneys General, at 202-326-6014.

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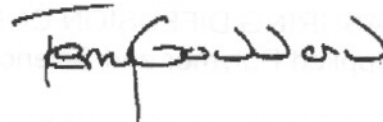
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Sincerely,



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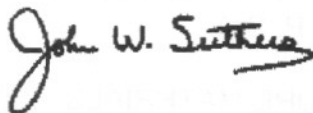
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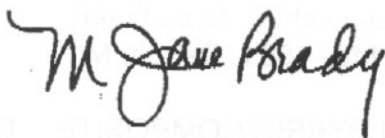
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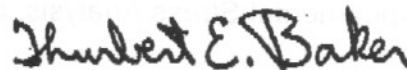
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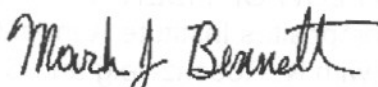
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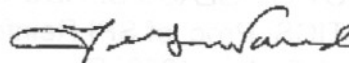
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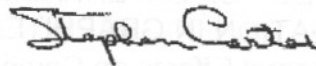
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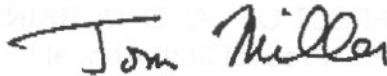
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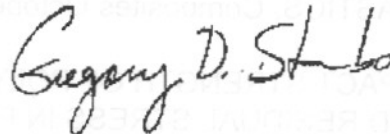
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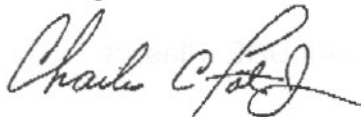
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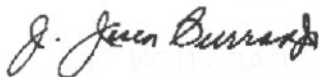
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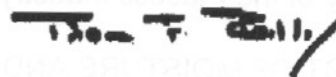
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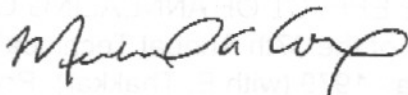
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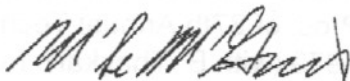
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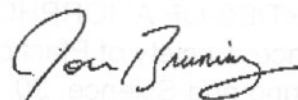
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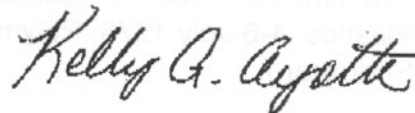
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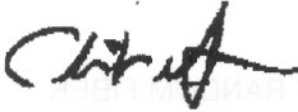
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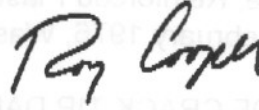
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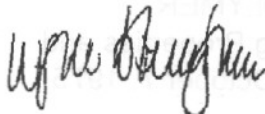
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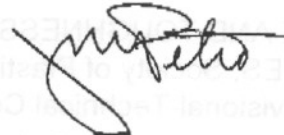
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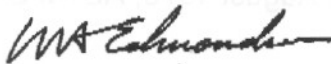
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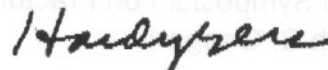
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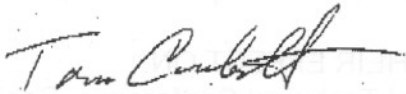
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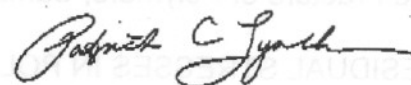
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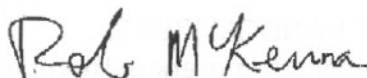
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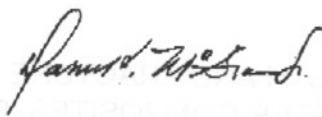
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